

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013***

Present: Selectmen: Tom Hayward, Michael Woodworth and John Gajewski. Others include: John Ratigan, Kelley Corson, Natalie Fream, Joe Perna, Debbie Thompson, Jack Shaw and Clay Mitchell.

Call to order at 6:30pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks
- Local Emergency Operation Plan
- Bestway Trash/Recycle Contract
- Lamprey Regional Cooperative – Representative Appointment

At 6:30pm the Board entered into a non-public session to discuss a legal matter under RSA 91-A:3 III.

The Board came back into public session at 6:42pm.

Kelly Corson, Natalie Fream, Joe Perna and Debbie Thompson met with the Selectmen to discuss Main Street Art:

- Update on public art exhibits, programs and classes held in 2012.
- Summer Camp Program would like to use Town land behind the building for picnic tables and easels for painting. Liability insurance coverage and lawn maintenance issues need to be resolved, before a decision can be made.
- Permanent Sign for the front of the building to replace the flag would need to have the Sign Ordinance checked or proposal for sign must go before the Planning Board for approval, before a decision can be made.
- Cross Walk across Main St. at Swamscott St. needs a sign, since the cars do not stop when Kelley tries to cross the kids over to Main St. Art. Check with Chief Reed before a decision will be made.

- To serve wine at Art Openings would need to have Town Ordinances checked and to speak with Chief Reed, before a decision can be made.
- Would there be any restrictions on Outdoor Art Exhibits which would be “built out of wood” on Town property? The Board would need an update where it would be displayed and permission from the owners, if the neighbors would object and the length of the display in order to make a decision.
- Extending the lease
- Status of maintenance issues on chimney, tree removal, retaining wall and possible water damage in bathroom.

Jack Shaw met with the Selectmen to discuss his concerns over the petition for the expansion of the Water and Sewer District:

- No notification of the hook up costs
- Developer gets a percentage back of hook up costs
- Will there be monthly charges for anyone who does not connect
- All signatures on the petition were not readable.

Clay Mitchell met with the Board to further discuss expanding his role in the Town. The Selectmen agreed to revisit increasing Clay’s hours in March.

No discrepancies were noted during the signing of checks.

The Bestway Trash/ Recycle Contract (1/1/2013 -12/31/2015)was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen.

The Local Emergency Operation Plan (L.E.O.P.) was reviewed by the Selectmen. Michael motioned to approve the new Local Emergency Operations Plan for Newfields, seconded by John. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the equipment rates for Brian Knipstein, Road Agent for the Town. John motioned to accept the rates for 2013 for Knipstein/Conner Enterprises, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tom appointed John Gajewski to be the Lamprey Cooperative Representative for the Town of Newfields.

Minutes of the January 15th meeting were read. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Minutes of the January 15th Budget Hearing were read. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 9:15pm, John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman
Deputy Town Clerk